



# Massachusetts Tree Steward Training

October 31, & November 1, 2008

Fisher Museum, Harvard Forest  
Petersham, MA

Presented by the:  
Massachusetts  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Urban and Community Forestry Program

Sponsored by:  
The USDA Forest Service,  
The Massachusetts Community Forestry  
Council &  
The Massachusetts Tree Wardens' & Foresters'  
Association

Registration Deadline:  
October 22, 2008



# 2008 Massachusetts Tree Steward Training Registration Form

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Tree Steward Training, offered by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Bureau of Forestry, Urban and Community Forestry Program, the USDA Forest Service and the Massachusetts Community Forestry Council, is an annual program designed for community Tree Board members, Tree Wardens, tree activists, planners, interested citizens, and other municipal staff and green professionals interested in the topics and issues of urban and community trees and forests. It will provide foundation training in tree physiology, tree assessment, municipal tree management, and other urban / community forestry issues with the aim of developing better tree stewardship in Massachusetts' communities of all sizes.

We encourage **at least two or three individuals** from the same community to attend this session, and **ideally a mix of municipal staff and citizens**. We also encourage participants to approach a local bank or other business to sponsor their registration fee for this event.

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## Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below:

I would like to attend the two-day Tree Steward Training program from 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 31 until 4 p.m., Saturday, November 1 at the Fisher Museum at the Harvard Forest in Petersham, MA (see <http://harvardforest.fas.harvard.edu/siteinfo/directions.html> for directions).

I agree to participate in entire session, and contribute at least six (6) hours to urban and community forestry back in my community.

Enclosed is my registration fee of \$55 payable to "The Mass ReLeaf Trust Fund." This will cover program registration and meals, but **not** Friday night lodging.

I also would like to reserve lodging at the Harvard Forest. I have enclosed an additional \$50 to the "Mass ReLeaf Trust Fund." I understand that rooms may be shared. I would be happy to room with \_\_\_\_\_.  
I would prefer a single if possible \_\_\_\_.

Please return to: Alan Snow, PO Box 484, Amherst, MA 01004, or [alan.snow@state.ma.us](mailto:alan.snow@state.ma.us)

# 2008 Massachusetts Tree Steward Training Additional Information

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**Draft Program:** The Training will include an overview of the following topics:

- Looking at Trees (an overview of tree benefits and urban forestry issues)
- Tree Identification / Assessment
- Trees Response to Pruning
- Working with your Utility Arborist
- Funding Urban and Community Forestry
- Urban Forest Health, Insects & Diseases
- Urban Forest Advocacy & Education
- Street Tree Inventories
- Watershed Protection

**Times and Dates:** The 2008 Tree Steward Training will run from 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 31 until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 1. All participants are expected to attend the entire two-day session. If you are unable to make this commitment, please do not register, but consider joining us next year.

**Location:** In an effort to find trees, beauty and a central location, the training will take place both indoors and outdoors at the Fisher Museum at the Harvard Forest in Petersham, Massachusetts (see <http://harvardforest.fas.harvard.edu/siteinfo/directions.html> for directions).

**Meals:** will be provided as a part of the registration fee, which includes lunch and dinner on Friday breakfast and lunch Saturday.

**Lodging:** The Harvard Forest has accommodations for up to 20 people in an old farmhouse with some single and some shared rooms. We have reserved the farmhouse. Cost of lodging is \$50 per person.

**Attire:** Is causal you should be prepared to go walking outside and even plant a tree.

**Local Sponsor:** We encourage you to approach local banks, real estate agents, or other businesses to sponsor you for this training. To facilitate this, upon request we can provide a letter to potential sponsors. Please feel free to adapt this letter and or create your own request letter. Please let us know if you are successful in soliciting a sponsor. With luck, these businesses will become continuing supporters of urban forestry in your community.

**Other:** If you have a particular program or materials that you believe others might find interesting, please let us know. We will try to have extra materials available for participants or work a few additional presentations into the agenda.

**Questions or comments:** Contact Alan Snow at (413-577-2966) or [alan.snow@state.ma.us](mailto:alan.snow@state.ma.us)